

has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to improving the lives of American citizens and a steadfast dedication to advancing the infrastructure of this country. An expert in aviation and aviation safety, Chairman OBERSTAR has been at the forefront of every major piece of federal transportation legislation that has come before this body in recent years.

As the Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he has facilitated an open discourse on even the most contentious issues, producing genuine compromise and bipartisan legislation that ensures individuals throughout the country have access to the services they depend on to pursue their livelihoods and move forward. He has been an unwavering proponent of robust investment in our nation's transportation infrastructure.

As I worked to pass legislation creating the Northern Border Regional Commission, a regional economic development commission in the northeast, Chairman OBERSTAR's guidance and support was instrumental. The investments made by the Commission have honored Chairman OBERSTAR's belief that an economy cannot grow without investments in our roads, bridges, railroads and ports, and they will continue to support this view long after he has left the United States Congress.

In his more than 36 years as a member of Congress, Chairman OBERSTAR has displayed an unrivaled understanding of transportation issues. He has been a great colleague, chairman and friend. I am certain that he will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Chairman JAMES OBERSTAR for his outstanding commitment to this country and Minnesota's 8th Congressional District.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of the birth of her daughter.

Ms. WOOLSEY (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CONYERS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COURTNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, December 15, 16, and 17.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today, December 15 and 16.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, December 15 and 16.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, December 15 and 16.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK, for 5 minutes, today and December 15.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, for 5 minutes, December 15.

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, December 17.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, December 17.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2902. An act to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

S. 3447. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; in addition, to the Committee on Armed Services; and to the Committee on the Budget for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 5591. An act to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Spokane International Airport in Spokane, Washington, as the "Ray Daves Airport Traffic Control Tower".

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3817. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on December 10, 2010 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 4994. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce taxpayer burdens and enhance taxpayer protections, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10856. A letter from the Director of Legislative Affairs, NRCS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (RIN: 0578-AA49) received November 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10857. A letter from the Director of Legislative Affairs, NRCS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (RIN: 0578-AA49) received November 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10858. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Air Force Case Number 09-03, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

10859. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Authority for Advanced Component Development or Prototype Units (DFARS Case 2009-D034) (RIN: 0750-AG76) received November 29, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

10860. A letter from the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Cost and Software Data Reporting System (DFARS Case 2008-D027) (RIN: 0750-AG46) received November 29, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

10861. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Services of Senior Mentors (DFARS Case 2010-D025) received November 29, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

10862. A letter from the Director, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Crimes Network; Confidentiality of Suspicious Activity Reports (RIN: 1506-AA99) received November 29, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

10863. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Addition of National Toxicology Program Carcinogens; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting [EPA-HQ-TRI-2010-0006; FRL-9231-5] (RIN: 2025-AA28) received November 22, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

10864. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Designations